CHAPTER NO. 338

SENATE BILL NO. 1284

By Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1250

By Mumpower

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-402, relative to salary ratings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-402, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any principalteacher, teacher, director of schools or other school personnel employed on a systemwide basis who completes additional academic training after the beginning of a school year, but prior to January 1 of that school year, that would qualify such employee for a higher salary rating shall be eligible to have such employee's salary rating redetermined as of January 1 of the school year. To receive the adjustment in salary rating, such employee shall give notice in writing of such employee's intention to complete academic training that may qualify the employee for a higher salary rating after the beginning of the school year immediately subsequent to the date of the notice and prior to January 1 of such school year. Such written notice shall be given to the director of schools and to the chair of the local board of education prior to submission of the LEA's budget to the local legislative body pursuant to § 49-2-203(a)(10). After completing such academic training, such employee shall provide by February 1 of the school year all documentation, as required by the LEA and the commissioner, necessary to establish the completion of the training. The increased salary rating and other information as called for on forms prescribed by the commissioner shall be filed with the commissioner by February 15 of the school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2005

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

> JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER DUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR